

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for the continued allowance of claims 2 and 4-12.

Claim 17 of the present invention stands rejected under both 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, and under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ha (U.S. 6,493,047). Claim 17 has been cancelled without prejudice herein, rendering both of these rejections now moot. No other claims of the present Application stand rejected, or objected to.

Because the only amendments to this Application in this Response constitute the cancellation of one rejected claim, Applicants submit that entry of this Amendment after final rejection is both appropriate and necessary. Applicants further submit that, by this Amendment, all outstanding issues have been addressed to place the Application in condition for allowance.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application, including claims 2, and 4-12, is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should he find that any further issues exist related to patentability.

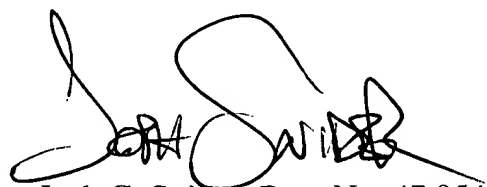
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